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SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR TOON GREETED CHEERFUL AND HEARTY PRESIDENT TITO AT US EXHIBITION ZAGREB FALL FAIR EARLY AFTER-NOON SEPTEMBER 15. TITO, ACCOMPANIED BY MADAME BROZ AND MOST SENIOR MEMBERS CROATIA LEADERSHIP, MADE EXTENSIVE TOUR OF FAIR-GROUNDS BETWEEN 0900 AND 1600. TITO SHOWED MUCH INTEREST IN "PROGRESS AND ENVIRONMENT" THEME OF US EXHIBITION. AT NUCLEAR POWER PLANT MODEL, AMBASSADOR RAISED ISSUE OF KRSKO CONTRACT (SEE REF). TITO'S VISIT TO FAIR, INCLUDING STOP AT US PAVILION, GIVEN FULLEST MEDIA COVERAGE. END SUMMARY.

1. PRES. TITO AND MME. BROZ, ACCOMPANIED BY LARGE PARTY INCLUDING MOST SENIOR MEMBERS CROATIA'S LEADERSHIP, WELCOMED BY AMB. TOON EARLY AFTERNOON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, AT US EXHIBITION ZAGREB FALL FAIR.

2. PARTY INCLUDED DR. VLADIMIR BAKARIC, MEMBER FROM CROATIA ON FEDERAL PRESIDENCY; JAKOV BLAZEVIC, PRESIDENT OF CROATIA'S

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ASSEMBLY; MRS. MILKA PLANINC, PRESIDENT, CENTRAL COMMITTEE

LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS OF CROATIA (CC LCC); JOSIP VRHOVEC, VICE PRESIDENT CC LCC; DR. IVO MARGAN, PRESIDENT SOCIALIST ALLIANCE OF CROATIA; MILAN ZJALIC, VICE PRESIDENT OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF CROATIA; IVO VRHOVEC, ZAGREB MAYOR; DR. VITO GASPAROVIC, PRESIDENT ECONOMIC CHAMBER OF CROATIA; SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS, INCLUDING COLONEL GENERAL DJOKO JOVANOVIC, COMMANDER ZAGREB MILITARY DISTRICT; FAIR GENERAL DIRECTOR DR. ANTUN BORCILO; AND MANY OTHERS.

3. DURING VISIT US PAVILION, PRES. TITO SHOWED MUCH INTEREST IN SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT. BRICKER SCIENCE DEMONSTRATION, NUCLEAR POWER PLANT MODEL, CAR COMPRESSED FOR SCRAP, AND "JUNK ART" ALSO GOT HIS ATTENTION.

4. ON SEEING PRES. NIXON'S MESSAGE TO FAIR TOGETHER WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF PRES. NIXON AND FAMILY, MME. BROZ RECALLED WITH MUCH PLEASURE MEETINGS WITH PRES. NIXON AND FAMILY DURING PRES. TITO'S 1971 VISIT TO US. MME. BROZ GREATLY ADMIRE SYNTHETIC FURS ON DISPLAY AND WAS QUICK TO RELATE THEM TO "ENDANGERED SPECIES" THEME.

5. MEDIA HAS GIVEN FULLEST COVERAGE TO PRES. TITO'S FAIR VISIT. ON EVENING SEPTEMBER 15, ZAGREB TV DEVOTED ALMOST 30 MINUTES TO HIS TOUR OF FAIRGROUNDS. TV SHOWED HIS VISITS TO NUMEROUS YUGOSLAV AND FOREIGN (INCLUDING US) EXHIBITIONS AS WELL AS HIS SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FAIR ORGANIZATION'S WORKERS' COLLECTIVE. ZAGREB'S "VJESNIK" PUBLISHED PHOTOGRAPH OF TITO AND AMB. TOON IN US PAVILION.

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6. COMMENT: VISIT TO US EXHIBITION MOST CORDIAL. PRES. TITO FULL OF VIGOR AFTER HAVING BEEN ON FAIRGROUNDS THREE HOURS. DURING THIS TIME HE HAD VISITED A NUMBER OF YUGOSLAV AND FOREIGN EXHIBITIONS. REPORTEDLY, SCHEDULED 15-MINUTE BREAKFAST AT THE RADE KONCAR EXHIBITION (MAJOR ZAGREB-BASED PRODUCER OF HEAVY AND LIGHT ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT) HAD STRETCHED TO AN HOUR. IN PROCEEDING BRISKLY ACROSS OPEN SPACE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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US PAVILION FROM EXHIBITION HALL SOME 150 YARDS DISTANT, TITO AND MME BROZ, BOTH DRESSED IN LIGHT-COLORED CLOTHES, STOOD OUT AT HEAD LARGE ACCOMPANYING PARTY. TITO IN EXCELLENT SPIRITS, OBVIOUSLY ENJOYING HIMSELF, AND QUICK WITH REPARTEE.
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